



FEBRUARY 2023

February 13th Speaker: Cindy Clark and Her Search and Rescue Adventures

BVS resident, Cindy Clark, will speak at our next meeting on her “Adventures with Search & Rescue Dogs.”



Cindy worked for 11 years as a trained Search and Rescue volunteer with her talented Boxers. They sniffed for the Los Angeles Police: Homicide Division, the FBI and the Secret Service. You can bet on some interesting stories!

“There were happy parents finding lost children as well as more gnarly searches over land and water and everything in-between.” Some people watch it on TV but Cindy lived it.

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Game On

Yes, dogs have 225 million scent receptors, in contrast to the measly 5 million in the human olfactory system. And, yes, it’s estimated they can detect a droplet of scent in up to 20 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

But that doesn’t mean that everything, their remarkable noses find will hold up in court. For that, a dog’s natural talents must be backed up by standards in training and certification, as well as an individual’s record of on-the-job accuracy.

More than 50 years ago, the US Police Canine Association formed to establish best practices for the use of dogs in crime fighting. USPCA also conducts trials and certification events throughout the year.

In 2021, AKC partnered with USPCA, to present the first AKC detection dog competition to broadcast over ESPN.



“First they do an online search”

Come to the first meeting of the year on February 13, in the Equestrian Lounge. Doors open for refreshments at 6:00 and the meeting is at 6:30.

Nosy Facts

Information taken from Pupford.com

In light of what our speaker Cindy Clark's talk on doing Search and Rescue with her dogs, here are some facts you might want to know about dog's noses. Even if our dogs never do "Search and Rescue" there are still reasons why it's good to encourage them to use their Noses.



So here are some stinkin' cool facts about dog's noses:

1. Dogs' noses are wet because it helps them smell better. Scent particles stick better to moist surfaces, so the moisture on their nose helps their noses work better. Plus, it helps to regulate body temperature in the heat.
2. A dry nose does not necessarily mean your dog is sick. It's a myth that a dry nose is a sign of illness, but noses that are crusty, mucousy, or have sores do need medical attention.
3. A dog's nose is said to be over 1,000 times stronger than the human nose. That's why there are drug-sniffing dogs and not drug-sniffing humans. They have 300 million olfactory receptors (humans have a couple hundred) and have a 40% larger area of the brain responsible for processing smells. Dogs can detect scent concentrations of one part per trillion – that's like one drop of liquid in 20 Olympic-sized pools.
4. Dog nose prints are unique, just like human fingerprints are.
5. Dogs can smell continuously. Their nostrils are structured in a way that allows them to breathe in and out at the same time, so they don't lose a scent while maintaining their breath. They can also control each nostril independently to more accurately track scents.
6. Dogs can detect many health issues through smell. Certain conditions like cancerous tumors produce alkanes and aromatic compounds that dogs can smell in a person's urine, sweat, or breath.
7. Dogs have a "second nose." Well, kind of. They have an organ called the vomeronasal organ (also

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President's Message

Pam Miller

By taking care of animals, I learn a lot of lessons I wouldn't have the opportunity to learn any other way. For instance, I was cleaning a small enclosure for two horses one morning when I made a startling discovery. I thought I had picked up all the manure and was about to leave when I turned around only to view the enclosure from a different angle. The sun was shining on the ground in such a way as to make me view the entire enclosure in a different light. Because of the different view, I had a new perspective on the job I had done. There, to my surprise were more piles of manure!

Maybe it was an overstatement to say that was a startling Discovery. Most of us know that our perspective makes all the difference in how we see something or experience something. However, I think it is safe to say that most of us forget it as often as not. My perspective may not be your perspective and certainly not my dogs perspective.

My dog Nonni runs out of the door barking at what seems to me to be nothing. But, I can guess that her perspective is different. She may be acting out of a desire to fulfill her own hard-wired desires and needs. In this case, her need to let any predator know that she is coming and to stay away. As much as I respect her need to do this, I praise her heavily every time she goes out the door quietly. That's all I can do to persuade her to "see" my perspective and change her unwanted behavior. The article included in this month's newsletter entitled, "Dogs are Opportunist, the Real Root of Bad Behavior," helps to explain why dogs and people don't always have the same perspective.

This is a new year. We all view the past, present and future from our own perspectives. For me, I am excited for the year to begin. Now, I have a totally different perspective from my view as the president. I see we have a great board, and many plans as to how to help all our members bond with their dogs and each other in a variety of ways. We will do this

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The more you nose, the better off you are!

known as the Jacobson organ) that helps them detect pheromones – further powering their sniffing abilities.

8. Dogs can smell the passage of time. A dog's sense of smell is so pinpoint accurate that it can sense changes in the concentration of odor molecules, even over short periods of time. Dogs, especially tracking dogs, use that information to know which direction a person or animal has moved in since they can detect the freshest scent.

9. Sniffing literally makes your dog happier. Sniffing is one of the main ways your dog learns about the world around them. Processing all that information stimulates their brain, keeping them focused and relaxed. Taking some time during walks or outside training and play sessions to let your dog sniff around is a great way to give them mental exercise and make them happy.

Even though it's one of the smallest, your dog's nose is one of their most intricate and fascinating body parts.

ONE WAY TO LET YOUR DOG USE THEIR NOSE MORE FULLY IS TO GO ON SNIFF WALKS



Don't pick a destination, just let your dog lead the way with their nose. This freedom and exploration will work wonders for your dog's mind! The main thing to remember is your dog's sense of smell should be encouraged! Let them explore, let them find new smells, let them explore on walks, let them be a dog!!

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through presenting educational speakers, and articles in the newsletter. We will help owners bond with their dogs through participating, as a team, in trainings offered from top-notch trainers. We will offer ways for members to bond with each other, through fun and social activities including working together on various projects, like fundraisers and club events.

In other words, I look forward to us fulfilling our clubs mission and have fun doing it with an enthusiastic board and a wonderful group of members.

Here's to sharing our perspectives in 2023!!

General Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2022

GREETINGS

Doors opened for our December Tailwaggers Potluck Holiday Party at 6:00. Thanks to the following people for putting up and taking down Christmas decorations; Lucy Radike, Nilly Smith, Diana Munday, Holly Bennett, Nancy Chefalo, Mel McDavid, Dot Ramirez and Pam Miller.



Thanks to their efforts many other clubs were also able to enjoy the decorations in the lounge for the entire holiday season.

Molly Mackin was sick and unable to make the meeting so the officers, although voted in, will not go through an installation service this year.

The party ended around 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Miller, Secretary

Treasurers' Report

As of December 2022

By Jeannie Alvarado

Checking Account Beginning Balance	\$7,927.91
INCOME (SNIP)	
Fundraiser Dog Coats	525.00
Fundraiser H/H Xmas Photos	777.00
Donation H/H	2.00
Donation for Photo/Santa	250.00
Total	1554.00
EXPENSES	
Gift Cards Santa/Photo	250.00
Total	250.00
ENDING BALANCE	\$9231.91

As the Tale Wags

By Jane Tanaka



Prior to moving to Bear Valley Springs 38 years ago, Kathy Carey lived a vastly different life. Graduating early from high school in Thousand Oaks, Ca she began working at Bonwit Teller in Beverly Hills for Clinique cosmetics. Within a year a job offer came to be the western regional manager to launch Van Cleef & Arpels 1st perfume. This involved extensive travel of the seven western states. Two years later she was a southern California account manager for fashion designer Diane von Furstenberg cosmetics and fragrance and later with Halston fragrances and cosmetics. It was a glamorous lifestyle and career for over 8 years, but when she gave birth to the eldest of two sons, she and her husband gave it all up for the safety and wholesomeness of Bear Valley Springs. Kathy met Bennett in 1976. He was a private investigator and head of security in Bonwit Teller. They have been together 47 years. Bear Valley Springs was in its infancy as a community, and there were limited job opportunities, a very small community population and no streetlights or fast food chains in Tehachapi! Kathy jumped into real estate. Most of the business was short term condo and house rentals to property owners, visitors, and perspective buyers. Twenty years ago she transitioned to managing only long term properties and selling homes and vacant land.

Although Kathy has fond memories and momentos from her career in the cosmetic industry, she does not miss her previous glamorous urbane lifestyle. Knowing her neighbors, mucking around in jeans and sweatshirts in the snow and dirt, Kathy by far prefers the earthy lifestyle of our unique rural community. BVS is where she and Bennett raised their sons. She became an equestrian, tennis player, and master gardener. She has been deeply involved in the real estate industry, many local clubs, committees, and contentious community issues because of her love for this community. This is also where she and Bennett have raised their beautiful dogs, whom they consider family members.

Kathy was raised with German Shepherds so large breed dogs are familiar. Kathy and Bennett owned hybrid timber wolves and Great Pyrenees, plus one small smooth coat fox terrier. The Careys have been solely devoted to the Bernese Mountain dog breed for the past 18 years. They loved the companionship of 6 Berners, including princess Abigail who lived to age 11.5 years, longer than the average lifespan of this breed by 2 years, and their beautiful Jackie who was an AKC national champion prior to being purchased by the Careys. They raised Nikki, Jackie's full sister from 8 weeks old. Currently they love and live with KC, their now 3 year old boy who was untrained when he joined them a year ago, and Krista, now a 10 month old rambunctious girl who is funny, wiggly, and agile.

Kathy advises prospective new dog owners to thoroughly research a dog breed and the responsibility involved in acquiring a dog of that breed. Berners for example, love the cold weather, but are heat intolerant, and require thorough brushing at least twice a week, more in shedding season! Bernese Mountain Dogs have a genetic risk for a cancer which cannot be bred out of lineage, therefore checking their genetic lines are critical to purchasing a healthy dog. She describes Berners as being hard working, very attached, but requiring a lot of patience and sensitivity to raise, as they mature slowly over their first three years, and are easily bruised in spirit with stern commands. Berners are very eager to please, however, and their unconditional love and companionship have been ample reward for Kathy and her family.

Tailwaggers Happy'ngs

General Meetings

February 13

**Speaker: Cindy Clark -
Search and Rescue Adventures**

General Meetings are the second Monday of every month in the Equestrian Center lounge at 6:00 for refreshments and 6:30 for the meeting.

Agility Division

Agility Playdays will resume in the Spring. Contact Gary Hill, 480-216-8488, or Lucy Radike, 661-904-3379, for more information.

K9 Fitness Division

WalkAbouts

This is a weekly event on Fridays at 9:00. Meet at the Nature Path by the ball field. It's a wonderful way to connect and meet new TW friends while socializing and exercising our dogs. You can join us with or without a dog.

HikeAbouts

Rona McKay and her dog Ginger takes Tailwaggers, as well as the BVS Trail Scouts, on fun hikes usually once a month. The next one is Wednesday, Feb 15. Meet at the Equestrian Center, walk the Church Trail returning by way of the Foothill trail. Contact Rona at 310-367-2742 for more information.

Rescue Division

The Rescue Division had a very successful "Portraits with Pups and Santa" fundraiser. Thanks to all who came on the foggy, rainy, cold day to get their pictures taken. We had a good turn-out despite the weather.



Steve and Melissa Auman were our Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. They played their role magnificently.

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The angels were with our Tailwaggers Dog Club on Sunday, December 4th when we held the Portrait with Pups & Santa Fundraiser event to benefit Have A Heart Humane Society. The organizers were afraid no one would show up due to the foggy weather and they would have to cancel the event. BUT, fifteen minutes before the event was to begin, the fog lifted! The event went off without a hitch.

Tailwaggers has taken on the task of helping Have A Heart raise money in order for them bring a SNIP bus (a low cost spay and neuter service) to Tehachapi. It will cost approximately \$7,000 to spay or neuter 45-50 dogs. We have raised approximately \$3,000 to date.

If you missed coming to our Portrait with Pups & Santa Fundraiser, you can help with a donation. The dogs who need a home deserve a chance at a good life!

YOU CAN BE THE ONE TO HELP THEM GET A GOOD HOME BY MAKING A DONATION NOW

Mark your donation "For the SNIP Bus." Make your check out to BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club It will be a tax-deductible donation.

Mail it to: 29800 Jamaica Dunes Dr.
Tehachapi, CA 93561

Thanks in advance,
Tailwaggers "CARE FOR ME" Rescue Division

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A Win - Win situation has happened. Jane Tanaka has offered to make custom doggy pajamas for the winner of the EARLY REGISTRATION RAFFLE.

All you have to do is pay your family membership fee of \$30 by February 14th (Valentines Day!) to get into the drawing for the Doggie P.J.'s.

This way you have a chance of getting a great gift and the club gets to plan our budget with real memberships instead of them dribbling in all year! YOU also get a discount on the upcoming dog trainings we offer (more information in coming emails).

Hope to see you at the next meeting on February 13, where you can fill out the membership form and pay your dues. Doors open at 6:00 with refreshments

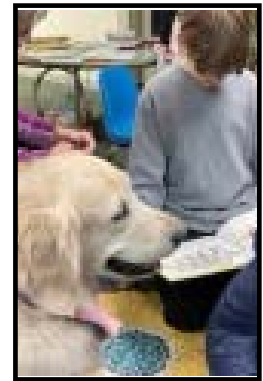
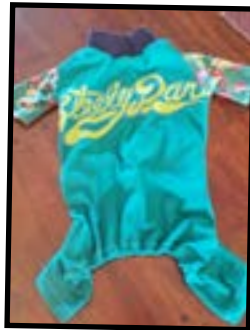
Therapy Dog Division

Happy Hounds and Friends Reading Program

Tailwaggers therapy dogs were at the Whiting Center twice in January to read with the kids.



Jazzy in her PJ's (ok, this one is a little small, but Jane is making her a new one!)



Wally is in his new pajamas, and they fit just right! Nice and warm for winter.



Dog Park Division

**A Small Addition to the
Beauty and Fun at the Dog Park**

You may have noticed that the bulletin board at the dog park has been moved. It might not be in the final new resting spot yet, but for now, it is a little closer to the main walkway so people can more easily read it.

The fire hydrant, which was donated to Tailwaggers by Tami Monahan, is being refurbished, and is close to being finished, by Brandon and his crew in Maintenance. We should be ready to show you it in the next newsletter.

**“Dad, I’m
telling
you...”**



**Dogs Are Opportunists:
The Real Root of “Bad
Behavior”** Pupford.com

The next time you’re tempted to think your pup is being “naughty, bad, or disrespectful”, it may help to remember that dogs are opportunists. While there are many behaviors we perceive as “bad”, dogs often act out of a desire to fulfill their own hard-wired desires and needs. Understanding this and adopting a mindset that empathizes with our opportunistic dogs can help you raise a well-mannered pup.

Before we talk about dogs being opportunistic, we need to do a very brief history lesson.

Dogs are typically believed to have shared a common ancestor with wolves. And although dogs have been domesticated for tens of thousands of years, the traits and characteristics of their ancient ancestors still remain with them.

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While it’s true that with domestication many of the unwanted traits have been phased out, a dog’s desire to survive plays a daily role in the choices

they make. And when dogs were wild animals, they ate to survive.

History lesson over, now onto defining opportunists.

WHAT BEING AN “OPPORTUNIST” MEANS

When we look through the lens of dogs once being wild animals, it gives great insight into their current behavior.

Opportunist: a person who practices opportunism, or the policy of adapting actions, decisions, etc., to effectiveness regardless of the sacrifice of ethical principles.

While our dogs don’t often deal with ethical principles, the main point of ‘adapting actions, decisions, etc to effectiveness’ (and I’ll add, expediency) tells a lot about our dogs and how they make decisions.

When a dog sees a squirrel and chases it, they aren’t thinking about whether that’s “okay” or not with us. They aren’t thinking about the “ethical principle” of whether they should be chasing and killing other animals. They aren’t thinking about whether the park they’re in has rules against chasing squirrels.

Rather, our dogs are thinking about chasing after prey that could become food. And like we mentioned in our history lesson, dogs used to eat to survive.

They see a squirrel as an opportunity to improve their lives, and they’re going to go after it.

3 BEHAVIORS THAT SHOWCASE YOUR PUP’S OPPORTUNISM

There are truly countless behaviors that can be tied to our dogs being opportunistic creatures. But let’s dive into 3 commonly frustrating behaviors

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that are most often your pup looking to capitalize on what they see as an opportunity.



1- RUNNING THROUGH OPEN DOORS & GAPS IN FENCES

Newsflash - Your dog does NOT try to go through doors before you because they’re trying to be a “pack leader”.

Your dog goes through doors because what is outside is a whole h*ck of a lot more exciting than the home/inside where they spend a majority of their time. Doesn’t that seem obvious when you think about it..? Your dog spends so much time inside and what’s right outside that door is a fantastic opportunity for them. Opportunities like potential prey, amazing smells, new dogs to interact with, or even just freedom to run. So the next time your pup tries to burst through an open door, try to remember the real why behind that behavior.

PS- Dogs being opportunistic doesn’t mean we shouldn’t train and teach proper behavior. [Learn how to stop your dog from bursting through doors here!](#)



2- GRABBING FOOD OFF THE GROUND & COUNTER SURFING

I’ll never forget the Thanksgiving I spent at an uncle-in-law’s house. He spent hours working on an extremely intricate and seemingly delicious turkey recipe. It was pulled from the oven and put on the counter to cool before eating. Cousin’s dog comes in. Everyone gets distracted for what seemed like only seconds...

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And... The whole turkey was in the dog’s mouth and taken outside. No more turkey for dinner (well except for the pup)!

Of course, there were many mutterings of “where are that dog’s manners” or “that dog is out of control” or, my personal favorite, “that dog is so naughty”.

While ideally that wouldn’t have happened (we will cover how later), is the dog to blame? From the dog’s perspective, his natural survival instincts kicked in and he seized an opportunity to get food.

When your dog counter surfs, snatches a questionable piece of food off the street, or even steals straight from your plate, remember that dogs are opportunists. Your pup is going after that food because that’s what their brain is wired to do!

Okay, here’s another popular one...



3- CHASING PREY & LEASH PULLING

Some dogs seem to only have 1 speed while out on walks, pulling speed. They pull toward other dogs, squirrels, food, or maybe just the air in front of them. But why do dogs pull?

You’ve probably guessed it by now, but it’s because they see opportunities in front of them and their brain wants to get to those “opportunities” as fast as possible. The idea of getting to an “opportunity” at a slow pace just doesn’t make sense to them. Walking “calmly” on a leash is completely foreign to our dogs. The same goes for chasing after other animals or objects. Their brain has been wired to see a moving animal (especially a small one like a squirrel) as potential prey!

And prey = food.

And food = survival (or at least it used to).

Hopefully you’re getting the picture, so let’s dive into how to train opportunistic dogs (which are most of ‘em).

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3 TRAINING TIPS FOR OPPORTUNISTIC DOGS

If you want a more in-depth look at training a well-mannered pup, you have to check out 30 Day Perfect Pup! You’ll get free (no credit card required) access to videos, written tips, and even an eBook covering topics like leash pulling, biting, potty training, and more. [Sign up for free here.](#) Let’s look at a few ways you can train even the most opportunist of pups!



1- DON'T GIVE TOO MUCH FREEDOM

Too much freedom for puppies is probably at the root of about 90% of challenging behaviors you’ll encounter. And that’s especially true of your dog’s most “opportunistic behaviors”. Potty accidents on your new carpet, electrical cords chewed up, bursting out the front door... Those all equate to too much freedom. And while I’m not advocating you become a “helicopter parent” or shelter your dog from experiences, you do have an obligation to keep them safe and set them up for success.

In the first 12-24 months of your puppy’s life, complete freedom around your home should be avoided. Letting your dog off their leash in an unfenced area at a young age is often not advisable. So, utilize things like tethering your dog to you in the home (not always, but at times), crates, long leads, and other tools to not allow too much freedom!



2- USE “SAFETY GUARDRAILS” IN THE EARLY MONTHS

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As mentioned briefly above, guardrails for your pup’s safety can be vital to reducing unwanted behaviors. These type of safety guardrails are vital in the first 12-24 months of your pup’s life. Here are some examples of opportunistic behaviors you can reduce with proper guardrails.

- If your dog always tries to burst through doors, use a baby gate or barrier to not allow access to the door.
- If your dog always counter surfs in the kitchen, use a baby gate or barrier to not allow access to the kitchen unless you are in there with them.
- If your dog constantly chews up your kid’s toys, don’t allow them access to the toy room.
- When you leave your dog alone, leave them in a crate where they can’t get into mischief.
- When you go explore outside, instead of letting your dog off leash consider using a 30-foot lead.
- When you have guests coming over, consider leaving your dog in a different room or in the yard until they have time to calm down.

Of course, not all accidents or challenging behaviors can be avoided. But, with some guardrails, you can reduce the frequency of these unwanted behaviors.



3- FOCUS ON THE BEHAVIORS YOU WANT

Many things we want from our dogs, loose leash walking, calm behavior when guests arrive, not chasing squirrels, etc., are completely foreign to them. Their brains are literally wired to do the opposite! So it is on us as pup parents to teach our dogs how to perform these behaviors and overcome their impulses. For example, you can train your dog to sit and wait for a release before walking through a door.

You can also teach your dog to settle on a mat/place when asked, even when guests come in the door.

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Or, you can even teach your dog to look at you instead of chasing after animals.

While I can assure you it is a lifelong process and takes hard work and dedication, it is possible. Opportunism is at the root of challenging behaviors, and impulse control training is part of the solution. You can access 21 easy-to-follow, fun-to-play, and effective impulse control games as part of Pupford Academy. [Learn more here!](#)



4- BONUS TRAINING TIP

One thing that changed my experience with training our Labs was learning to use their “opportunistic tendencies”.

For example, my dog Scout has a very strong desire to chase and play fetch. That desire to chase is rooted in the opportunistic behavior of searching for food. So, we learned to use her ball as a reward for good behavior. Instead of using treats when teaching recall (she didn’t focus well on treats outside the home) we threw her a ball each time she came back to us.

My dog Sunny loves food. She loves to search for snacks on the ground during our walks around New York City (there are plenty). So, we started asking her to leave “street snacks” alone and rewarding her with extremely high-value treats.

When possible, utilize your dog’s natural desires as rewards for good behavior!



FINAL THOUGHTS ON DOGS BEING OPPORTUNISTS

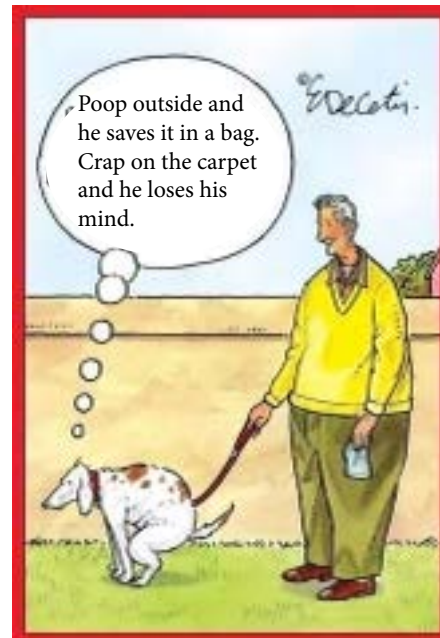
While knowing that dogs are opportunistic creatures won’t solve challenging behaviors, it will give you a better mindset as you approach their training and behavior. Our dogs are wired to do things like searching for food, chasing after prey, and even barking to alert others of approaching people or animals. And when our dogs see an opportunity to do one of those things, they will! They aren’t often trying to be “defiant, naughty, or bad”, they’re just doing what dogs do!

So remember to limit freedom, use safety guardrails, and focus on training the behaviors you want your pup to do, not just trying to stop “bad behaviors”!



Come to think in terms of “not yet” Rather than “can’t:” in terms of learning gaps and opportunities rather than deficits and problems.

A great way to change YOUR perspective.



Poop outside and he saves it in a bag. Crap on the carpet and he loses his mind.

Sometimes it’s hard to see someone else’s perspective.

2022 In Retrospect



Tailwaggers, 2022 in Retrospect: Who are the worker bees?

The year 2022 went fast despite the many challenges it presented. We had two Presidents to adjust to and no dog trainers! Our elected President, Kathy Kneer, moved away mid way through the year and our elected Vice President, Lucy Radike, thankfully took over the President's duties. The many trainers we had in the past decided to either take a break this year, or were so busy doing their own training programs outside of Bear Valley that they were unavailable. Thank goodness our agility volunteers were still game to put on workshops and Playdays so they filled that gap of training for us.

Our other 6 Divisions; Therapy Dogs, Fitness, Rescue Division, Dog Park and Educational Speakers continued to flourish. Thanks to the board, the

Division chairs and the many volunteers who made this year a good one. Here are some names I'd like to mention for the superb work they did on behalf of the club:

Agility: Lucy Radike and Gary Hill Chairs. Our great agility team also consisted of Greg Lee, Rick Gibson, David McGuire, Donna Macintyre, Kim Strong, and Jeanne Alvarado who was always there, running things, taking money and setting up refreshments.

Therapy Dogs: Nilly Smith, Chair. Therapy team members were Mary Thompson and Dolly, Lauren Jaimes with Tesla and Palomo, Molly Mackin and Casey, Joni Hensche and Snickers, Guy Munday and Iona.

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Fitness: Rona Mackay, Donna Macintyre and Kathy Kneer

Rescue: Pam Miller, Chair. Mel McDavid, Dot Ramirez, Holly Bennett and Diane Peterson with help from all of the board.

Meetings: Kathy Kneer and Lucy Radike. Refreshments, Carol Young

Dog Park: Liaison, Jeannie Alvarado

Newsletter: Editor, Pam Miller and Contributor, Jane Tanaka - "As The Tale Wags"

Here are some highlights from last year:

Dog Park Plaque: The year started off with Brandon Haynes, BVSA Contractor with IGM, and his crew re-placing the Tailwaggers Dog Park Plaque. We are so grateful to the BVSA Board and General Manager, Wesley Shyrock, for approving the replacement of the Plaque after it was accidentally ruined.

Speakers this year included:

- Dan Suttles, BVS Police Chief
- Carol Larimore & Cindy Lawler with Have a Heart
- Terry Kahn & Barbara Allen with Tehachapi Mountain Dog Fanciers
- Terry Albert, Local Artist
- Ron Hayton and the Snake Guys
- Katy Jacobson, Chiropractics & Your Dog
- Ashley Ohmet, Clicker Dog Trainer
- Gary Hill, Agility Speaker

Agility: In March, we started our Agility Program with two agility workshops given by Gary Hill and several Playdays that began in April.

Rescue: The Rescue Division held four fundraisers this year for Have a Heart to pay for the SNIP bus (a low cost spay and neuter service) to come to Tehachapi. To help people of the community spay and neuter their dogs was a priority for Have a Heart. As the Board President, Carol Larimore, said, "We can focus on helping those dogs already in shelters,

at the Humane Society and rescues find good homes when the number of puppies born are fewer." The first two fundraisers were bake sales. Thanks to the following Bakers and workers that made it happen: Carol Young, Deborah Cianca-Mayer, Diana Munday, Donna Macintyre, Jane Tanaka, Joni Hensche, Melany McDavid, Nancy Chefalo, Rona McKay, and Vicki Taylor, Cindy Lawler, Jeannie Alvarado, Donna Macintyre, Denise VanAntwerp, Diana Munday, Kathy Carey, Sherri Grace, Janet Lund, Joni Hensche and Pam Miller. (Sorry if I forgot anyone!)

The next fundraiser was a coat sale. Jane Tanaka sewed dog coats and the money made by selling them she gave to Tailwaggers to give to the SNIP Bus fundraiser for Have a Heart.

The fourth fundraiser was the Portrait with Pups and Santa spearheaded by Pam Miller. Melissa and Steve Auman put on beautiful, authentic costumes and we had both Mr. and Mrs Santa at the photo shoot. Special thanks go to Melanie McDavid and Dorthy Ramirez for all the work they did having the photo shoot on their property.

Thanks also to the following Board Members who worked so hard this year.

President – Kathy Kneer from January to July; and
Lucy Radike, from August to December 2022
Vice President – Lucy Radike, from January to August
Secretary – Pam Miller
Treasurer - Jeannie Alvarado
Member at Large – Nilly Smith

We look forward to our sixth year, beginning in February. As in the past, we took off the month of January to re-coop and plan for 2023. Our meetings will resume on February 13 under the leadership of our new President Pam Miller and the board which includes this year, new board members Diana Munday and Gary Hill. We look forward to another memorable year in 2023.



Mission Statement

The BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club is dedicated to responsible dog ownership/guardianship. We are a body of people who care about their dogs and want to be with like-minded responsible people who feel the same. We are committed to sharing and learning. The club will provide experiences through education, training, fun events and social activities. It is designed to improve handler skills and be an information center for owners presenting issues and subjects based on our members' needs. The club will provide support for local rescues in Kern County.



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Annual Dues: \$30.00. Make checks payable to: BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club.

Please print

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Street Address: _____ Tract & Lot _____

Cell Phone #(s) _____

Mailing Address (if different from above): _____

E-mail address(s): _____

May we publish your name, phone numbers and e-mail address for club use? Yes _____ No _____

Please provide family members' names. Give the current ages and birth dates of your children who may be participating in Tailwaggers' activities. ****All minors must be accompanied by and under the supervision of a parent or parent-designated adult (in writing) while attending or participating in Tailwaggers' activities.**

The BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club exists to represent canine interests in BVS, to promote responsible, informed dog ownership, and good fellowship of dog owners and BVS residents, to promote fun dog-related activities, including training, to improve and maintain dog-related facilities within BVS, and to support local canine rescues. Membership is open to adult property owners and residents in good standing with the Bear Valley Springs Association (BVSA).

ACCIDENT RELEASE: My signature below hereby releases the Bear Valley Springs Tailwaggers Dog Club and the BVSA and all persons connected with these aforementioned groups from any liability/responsibility for any loss/injury/damage to either myself, my family, my dog(s)/or my equipment while I am/we are participating in, assisting with, or working on any event/activity sponsored by the BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club. Pursuant to Section 305 of the BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB By-laws, all adult family club members signing below hereby agree: (a) to take physical and financial responsibility for any dog under my custody or control; (b) that if participating in any BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB event with a dog that is not my own, they shall be liable for damage or injury inflicted by any such dog(s); and (c) that the Board of Directors or designated Event Coordinator or Trainer of BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club has the right to exclude any aggressive, unruly, or unmanageable dog and their handler from any BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB event. All adult family club members signing below further agree to sign and maintain on file with BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club a current year's Waiver, Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk form.

ALL adult family club members must sign.

Name: _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB



WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK TO BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY EVERY CLUB MEMBER

All club members must sign this form. Please read and be certain you understand the implications of signing. In consideration of my participation in activities arranged by BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB (BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB), I hereby release and covenant not to sue BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB, its owners, shareholders, directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents, and lessees and their successors from any and all present and future claims whatsoever, which the undersigned and any of them and the heirs, representatives, executors and administrators thereof, or any other persons acting in behalf, or on behalf of their respective agents, have or may have resulting from ordinary negligence and inherent risk of my participation in any activities or arrangements and the use of the facilities and equipment of BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB and Bear Valley Springs Association (BVSA) and Bear Valley Community Services District (BVSCSD), including but not limited to any loss, injury, damage, illness, sickness, or liability sustained by me while on or about the premises of the BVSA, the BVSCSD, or the BVS TAILWAGGERS DOB CLUB.

Express Assumption of Risk Associated with CANINE-RELATED ACTIVITIES. I, whose name and signature appear below, do hereby affirm and acknowledge that I have been fully informed of the inherent hazards and risks associated with canine activities and sports, including training, showing, competitions, exhibitions, events, meetings, play days and other activities. Inherent hazards and risks include but are not limited to:

1. Risk of injury from the activity and equipment utilized in canine activities of all kinds is significant including the potential for permanent disability and death.
2. Possible equipment failure and/ or the malfunction of my own or other's equipment.
3. My own negligence and/or the negligence of all others, including employees, agents, independent contractors or representatives of the BVSA, BVSCSD, and BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB, including but not limited to operator error.
4. The propensity of a canine (dog) to behave in dangerous ways that may result in injury or death to the participant or others or their dog(s) regardless of the dog's previous training and past performance.
5. The inability to predict a dog's reaction to sound, movements, unfamiliar environment, objects, persons, or animals.
6. Propensity for a dog to bite, fight, run, scratch, make unpredictable movements, jump, push or shove without warning or apparent cause.
7. Collars, harnesses, leashes and other equipment may loosen or break, which may result in accident, injury or death.
8. The domesticated animal may also react in a dangerous manner when condition or treatment is considered hazardous to the welfare of the animal.
9. The potential for a participant or others to fail to exercise reasonable care, or take adequate control when engaging in a domesticated animal activity, including failing to maintain reasonable control of the animal or failing to act in a manner consistent with the person's abilities.
10. Broken bones or severe injuries which may result in severe impairment or even death.
11. Pursuant to Section 305 of the BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB By-laws, I agree to take physical and financial responsibility for any dog under my custody or control; that if I am participating in any BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB event with a dog that is not my own, I shall be liable for damage or injury inflicted by any such dog; and that the Board of Directors or designated Event Coordinator or Trainer of BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club has the right to exclude any aggressive, unruly, or unmanageable dog and their handler from any BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB event.

I understand the description of these risks is not complete and that unknown or unanticipated risks may result in injury, illness, or death. I agree that immediately prior to participation in any activity arranged for me by BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB I will inspect the facilities and equipment to be used and if any defect is apparent I will not use the facility or equipment and I will notify the management of the BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB of the defect.

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE WAIVER, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING THIS WAIVER, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY.

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